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SPEAK AT THE TABERNACLE,

Hopkinsville, Ky., Monday September 28.

SPEAKING AT ONE O'CLOCK P. M.

DR. DAVID A. AMOSS.**Four Witnesses Testify at
Clarksville That He is Gen-
eral of Night Riders.**

Clarksville, Tenn., Sept. 25.—A great deal of the inside history of the night rider organization has been brought out in the trial of Gardner and Hunt, who are being prosecuted for killing a night rider during a raid at Port Royal. Four confessed night riders who turned State's evidence have given testimony that has reached the public, though Judge Tyler refused to let it go to the jury. Sanford L. Hall, Otis Blick, Thos. H. Stevens and W. B. Stuart all gave evidence that the night riders have a general organization in many counties, including Montgomery. Hall said Dr. David A. Amoss, of Cobb, Ky., was at the head and was called General. That under him were all grades of subordinate officers. He gave the oath and secret work of the

Lodges, as given to him. Hall further said he knew of plans made three times to go to Hopkinsville and that Dr. Amoss supervised these plans. That the plans were to destroy tobacco factories which Dr. Amoss claimed belonged to the trust. Dr. Amoss was shot in the raid, Dec. 7, heard him tell it in the lodge at Cedar Grove, in Lyon county. Similar raids were planned by the night riders on Clarksville, but abandoned because they couldn't work the police.

Otis Blick said he belonged to the lodge at Birmingham, Ky. Knew Dr. Amoss was the General and corroborated Hall's statement as to the organization.

T. H. Stevens, of Lyon county, also said Gen. Amoss was the field general and organizer of the lodges. Gen. Amoss heard of Vaughn Bennett's death that day and communicated it to Kentucky lodges. Witness told various other details.

W. B. Stuart, of Murray, Ky., had also taken the oath and had been on one raid. He said the organization

extended over many counties and otherwise corroborated the other witnesses.

Judge A. J. G. Wells, of Calloway, also testified and said he had given a great deal of time to investigating the night rider situation. From affidavits and other evidence, witness would judge its character to be an organization to control the policies of men with reference to the sale of tobacco. Thought its existence was as well established as the fact of the death of George Washington. Told of the organization by General, Colonels, Captains, Lieutenants and lodges. Oath varies with skill of man putting it. Draws its members from criminal classes—from those who would resort to violence to control tobacco situation by forcing men to join and stay in ranks of the Association. Witness thought majority of members of Association were against violence, but thought there was a large and strong minority. Bulk of the work of the night riders is to force men to join and to be loyal to the Association. Organization resorts to sending letters; banding together in squads of from 25 to 150 and threatening men and even whipping; burning barns, etc. Resorts to raids upon towns and cities. Often swear men in who stand high in the community, telling them they do not want them to go on raids, but for witness and jury service. Purpose is evidently the corruption of the courts. Witness knew as a matter of common knowledge that Dr. Amoss, of Cobb, Ky., was the General in command of the organization.

Who Dr. Amoss Is.

Dr. David A. Amoss is a physician at Cobb, Ky., and is about 51 or 52 years of age. He is low of stature, stoutly built, has a large round head, short neck, eyes (probably grey) set close together in a broad face, prominent jawbones, face beardless except a short brown moustache. Hair dark, complexion light and somewhat florid. He is noted for his iron will and determination. He was at home when the soldiers were sent to Cobb and when they camped near his house he left home and a

notice was inserted in the paper at Cadiz that he had gone to California on a prospecting tour. His family also left home but returned later and are now at their home at Cobb.

The present whereabouts of Dr. Amoss is not known. It is said by some that he is in California and by others that he is in Mississippi, where the night rider troubles have recently appeared. The more general belief is that he is in hiding, probably in Trigg county. Dr. Amoss was educated in the Hopkinsville Military Academy in the late seventies and was a Lieutenant in the military company of the school taught by Prof. J. O. Ferrell. He was a schoolmate of Mayor Meacham, of Hopkinsville, whose office windows were broken out by the raiders last December. The story has been current here some time that Dr. Amoss was shot in the temple and slightly wounded with birdshot the night of the raid, probably accidentally by one of the raiders, and that he was superseded in command by the next officer, a Trigg county man. That he recovered from the stunning effects of the shot but too late to take part in the raid. The alleged details of the dressing of his wound and his subsequent movements have been told by confessed night riders who claim to have been present at lodges where he made reports of the raid. It was intended to destroy the "trust factory," the Imperial Company's, but so much time was taken up in burning the "loose floor" and the "Regie house" that the retreat was ordered before the trust house was attacked. Dr. Amoss was in Hopkinsville on the evening of Dec. 7th, following the raid, and showed no effects of having been wounded.

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THOS. W. LONG, Treas.

TERRIBLE CONDITIONS**Shown to Exist in the Port
Royal Vicinity.**

Clarksville, Tenn., Sept. 25.—The defense in the Gardner-Hunt trial here yesterday filled its sixth day. Its first witness was called with a large amount of testimony corroborative of the story of the defendants of the incidents of the night of the killing and also to show definitely the conditions existing in the locality about the time of the killing of Vaughn Bennett. A state of terror and apprehension on account of numerous acts of lawlessness committed by night riders was shown, many of the actual deeds, their time and the surrounding conditions being proven. A state of prejudice and intolerance toward "Hill Billies" on the part of members of the association was also emphasized by the defense, and many details were added to strengthen that impression.

The main effort of the defense was to show conditions as they existed in the neighborhood of the killing, the court having limited them to that territory. It is thought that the defense will finish Saturday and the State will open in rebuttal about Monday. It is expected that the case will be given to the jury the latter part of next week at the latest.

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